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## Provident Savings Bank,

911 EAST MAIN STREET.

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## NONE TO JAIL FOR TWO DAYS

Familiar Scenes That Have Not Been Enacted.

### MARRIAGE IN POLICE COURT.

**Lewis Gibson Prefers the Marriage Vow to a Probable Term in the Penitentiary—Suspicious Characters Held.**

For two days now the familiar sight of the prison van driving up to the curb in front of the City Hall, the clang of the gong to let the officers on the inside know of its coming, the gathering of the motley crowd to see the march of the unfortunate and lastly, the piteous string of unfortunates themselves in straggling procession behind the big officer, have not been seen. For two days no prisoner has gone to jail from the Police Court.

**SMALL DOCKET.**  
The docket in the Police Court yesterday morning was one of the smallest in many months. The big fire was an attraction against which not even the Great Dispensary could hold the crowd.

The few who remained constant saw the novelty of a marriage in the presence of the court. Lewis Gibson (colored) was charged with breach of promise by Kate White, whose color was many shades darker than the accused.

**WEDDED IN COURT.**  
Lewis decided that he would take the marriage vow rather than run the risk of the penitentiary. A colored minister was sent for, and with an impressive ceremony, the joining of hands and a devout prayer, there was a striking tableau wedding.

The court-crier was best man, the policemen were ushers and the benediction was a discharge of the prisoner by the Great Dispensary.

Kate Jefferson (colored) was charged with breaking into a C. and O. car and stealing coal therefrom. The charge was not fully sustained, and she was placed under bond and security for her good behavior.

**GOOD CHARACTER.**  
Frank Hall, one of the negroes arrested on west Gray street, Christmas Day for rioting, was held in the sum of \$500 for his appearance at court, he having established a good character through white friends.

John Marshall, colored, was charged with being a suspicious character. He was given thirty days.

### GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS.

The Court of the City Hall Were Busy Yesterday.

The grand jury naturally arises with Albert Gundy being convicted of the murder of Policeman Robert Austin.

The case will be tried by Judge Witt, in the next session.

The grand jury of the Hustings Court was in session yesterday morning and the following indictments were returned:

Albert Gundy, alias Albert Gundy, for the murder of Policeman Robert Austin; James Pith, for malicious assault; Julius Cook, for housebreaking; Joseph Gray, for burglary; Walter Turpin, housebreaking; Emma Fortune, for burglary; Lawrence M. Turner, for housebreaking; Joseph Mosby, for malicious wounding; Joseph Gresham, malicious wounding; James Mayo, Carl Carter, Gerald Daniels, robbery; George Brown alias Fred Richardson, housebreaking; Patrick Harris, two charges of burglary.

The case of O. L. Brauer against Swift & Company, in the Law and Equity Court, in which he claimed \$153 damages, verdict was awarded the defendant.

In the case of Henry V. Fisher against N. C. Jacobs, in which he claimed a watch of the value of \$26. The jury gave a verdict to the plaintiff for \$26.

### Miss Underhill Declines.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Virginia Hospital met yesterday morning, with Mrs. Edgar Taylor, in the chair. The body was informed that Miss Underhill would not accept the position as head nurse, filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Robertson.

The board is now corresponding with Mrs. Benson, of the Smith Infirmary, Staten Island, in regard to the position. The reports of several committees were heard and resolutions upon the death of Mrs. W. T. Hancock were read and put upon the minutes.

Among those present were: Mesdames Hugh M. Taylor, Charles Todd, Raleigh Colston, Crenshaw, Preston Moore, J. H. Brooks, M. L. Van Doran, J. H. Capers, Jr., John T. Knight, L. O. Miller, J. R. Gordon, James A. Gray, Z. Morris, G. B. McAdams, James Augustine, Evan L. Chesterman, Misses Louise and Carrie Kidd, Bettie Ellyson and Lucy Clair Atkinson.

### Amusements.

Academy—"The Purple Lady." Bijou—High-Class Vaudeville.

Owing to the number of successes during the past season, it is only natural that there should not be a dearth of good attractions for the patrons of the theatre everywhere this season.

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## BUSINESS MEN OF MANCHESTER

An Enthusiastic Meeting Was Held Last Night.

### NOW IN THE COUNTY JAIL.

The Assault of Mrs. Colquitt is Safely Behind the Bars—Other Interesting News from the South—Side—Personal.

Manchester Bureau, Richmond Times, 1110 11th Street, Beattie Block.

A meeting of the Business Men's Association was held last night at Toney's Hall. The attendance was rather small, but the meeting was enthusiastic, and talked business. It has been the idea of many of the members of this body for some time, that the association should establish headquarters in a neatly-fitted and furnished room or hall, centrally located, which would be open at all times, either for the regular meetings or for the members of the association and their friends to drop into and discuss the interests of the city. This idea was discussed last evening at length. The room on the first floor of the Leader building was mentioned as a suitable place. The matter was referred to Mr. D. L. Pulliam, who will investigate and report to the association.

The report of several committees were received. The committee on securing a street-cars on Perry and Hull streets reported that the desired extra cars had been put in Perry street, and that the extras would be running on Hull very soon.

**THE ASSAULT CASE.**  
David Perkins, the negro who committed an assault Monday afternoon upon Mrs. Colquitt, was taken to Chesterfield county jail yesterday morning by Officer Arvis, of Swansboro, on the 9 o'clock train. Judge Clifton when seen yesterday morning in regard to what action would be taken in the case, said that he could not say positively, without first consulting with Commonwealth's Attorney Coghill, but that he would, he thought, a special jury would be empaneled by next Monday and the trial held without delay.

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About Grape Nuts.

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### CONDENSED STATEMENT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DEC. 31, 1899.

ASSETS.	LIABILITIES.
Loans and discounts—	Capital.....\$500,000 00
Time loans.....\$1,112,441 71	Surplus and undivided profits.....32,110 82
Call loans.....394,230 08	Circulation.....44,990 00
Overdrafts.....\$1,506,721 79	Interest reserve.....5,000 00
Banking house and fixtures.....472 26	Tax reserve.....3,888 30
Treasurer of United States.....2,250 00	Dividends.....12,929 49
United States Bonds.....164,000 00	Bills payable.....50,000 00
Premium account.....13,070 00	Deposits.....1,575,421 07
Stocks and bonds.....23,803 31	
Due from banks.....\$230,536 83	
Cash.....175,968 15	
	\$2,224,339 68

Accounts of Banks, Bankers, Corporations, Firms and Individuals is solicited. We are prepared to furnish depositors every business facility consistent with good banking. Special and prompt attention given to collections.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. Branch and the Misses Branch gave a charming tea yesterday afternoon from 4 to 6.

The house was prettily decorated in pinks and cut flowers. The handsomely appointed table in the dining-room was decked in white roses and pink-shaded candles. Miss Lella Myers poured tea and Miss Maude Stokes served cookies.

Miss Betta Wellford and Miss Julia Harris assisted in the receiving-room.

Among the many callers were Miss Elsie Cameron, Miss Mary Lyons, Miss Helen Montague, Mrs. Stephen Putney, Arvis, of Swansboro, on the 9 o'clock train. Judge Clifton when seen yesterday morning in regard to what action would be taken in the case, said that he could not say positively, without first consulting with Commonwealth's Attorney Coghill, but that he would, he thought, a special jury would be empaneled by next Monday and the trial held without delay.

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Dr. Jean Knatz d'Orlé, of Paris, France, will lecture on "Beranger" this afternoon at the Woman's Club at half-past four o'clock.

Dr. Knatz d'Orlé delivered an address on "Cyrano de Bergerac" here last spring, and those who were so fortunate as to hear him know what a pleasure they have in store.

The regular monthly meeting of the Central Committee of the A. P. V. A. met at the Virginia Historical Society rooms at noon yesterday, Mrs. J. Taylor Ellyson in the chair.

The ladies present were: Mesdames E. V. Valentine, V. Hall, C. W. P. Brock, E. P. Crump, John P. McGuire, Jr., W. Bentley, Mrs. Taylor, Jr., A. Claiborne, W. T. Robins and Misses Kate M. Rowland and Ella Thomas.

The association hope to have Dr. S. W. Mitchell give them a reading in May.

Mrs. Lillian Winston, of Minnesota, and Mr. Edward T. Crump were elected life members.

After some routine business the meeting was adjourned.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of R. E. Lee Camp will meet Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at Lee Camp Hall. Election officers will take place. A full attendance is desired.

The social event of the season was the fox chase given by the Misses Edwards, of "Farewell Villa," King William county, in honor of their guests Miss Mary Henry Williams, of Orange, Miss Mollie Francis Gregory, of Manchester, and Miss Rosie J. Hockaday, of Richmond. Those in the chase were Miss Annie K. Edmond, of Baltimore, and Miss H. Madison, of Newleton; Mr. Hunter Montague; Miss Mollie Gregory with Mr. Roger and Warner Edwards; Miss Mary H. Williams with Messrs. James Lacy and Eugene Clements; Miss Rosie Hockaday with Messrs. Herbert Montague and Straugh Robinson; Miss Estelle Edwards with Messrs. Eddy Geddy and James Williams; Miss Lucy Edwards with Messrs. A. D. Willis and St. Montague; Miss Alice Montague with Mr. Henry and Emmett Gregory, Jr., and Gregory Hockaday, of Richmond.

Mr. J. H. Madison won the brush and presented it to Miss Annie Edwards, the most graceful rider. Miss Mollie Gregory, the leader of the chase, rode beautifully. Miss Mary Williams, who rode "Philopha," won the prize for jumping, and Miss Rosie J. Hockaday, the life of the chase, won the race on returning home.

The chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. Cummins, Mr. and Mrs. Rouze, Mrs. Henry Carr and Mrs. T. H. Edwards, of West Point, Va.

When the party returned an elegant repast was served by Mr. and Mrs. Kleber Edwards.

Dancing was indulged in until midnight, when the band played "Home, Sweet Home," and all declared a more enjoyable occasion had never been experienced.

On New Year's night a banquet was tendered by Harry Marks to his employees in recognition of faithful services rendered during the past year, in the handsomely furnished and liberally decorated private dining-room of the Jefferson Hotel.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marks, host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jacobs, the Misses Hirsberg, all of this city; Mr. Sam Dobbin, of New York; Mr. Lee Stern, of Baltimore; and Messrs. William Jacob, Frank Jenkins, Walter Bailey, Bernard Holzgreve, W. J. Thornley and Mr. H. Fisher.

Toasts were delivered by all the gentlemen present, and after the exchange of best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year, those assembled departed after having spent a most enjoyable evening.

The Board of Managers of the Homeopathic Free Dispensary met yesterday morning at 11:30 at the dispensary. Mrs. F. E. Swain, third vice-president, presided. Only routine business was transacted. Those present were: Mrs. E. E. Swain, Mrs. Stone, Mrs. G. A. Taber, Mrs. Gates, Mrs. H. A. McCurdy, Mrs. F. Bagby, Mrs. Corey and Mrs. Montague.

A large and enthusiastic audience greeted Miss Ida Benly at the Academy last night. She was introduced by Mr. Arthur B. Clarke.

This was one of the Lyceum, and it will undoubtedly prove the best.

"The Mill on the Floss," by George Eliot, was far subject and the story was told in an exceedingly dramatic and impressive manner. Miss Benly, from her actions, understood thoroughly her subject and had made the characters she depicted a subject of deep study. Her veracity of character and expression, pathetic and humorous, was rewarded by continued applause from the audience after each scene. So natural is the effect of gold in the story with an interest that only ceases when the act ends. It

was as though the several persons represented were present on the stage, so complete was the change of voice and expression, and Miss Benly is only evident when she connects the conversation with the narrative.

She received much well-merited applause and to the deep appreciation of the audience, Miss Benly will ever be welcome on her visits to Richmond.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Managers of the Baptist Home for Aged Women took place at 11 o'clock yesterday at the home, Mrs. S. B. Wilkeson presided. Several applications for admittance to the home were received. Regular business was transacted.

Miss Etta Rayle, who has been visiting friends and relatives in Winston and Greensboro, N. C., has returned home.

Rev. W. L. Richardson, of Richmond College, spent the week in King George.

Mr. Robert Croxton is on a short visit to his father, Judge Croxton, at "Noels," in Buckingham.

Dr. Perkins Glover, of the Medical College, spent the holidays at his old home, in Buckingham.

Mr. Felix Hesserberg, of Boston, has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Hesserberg, the past week.

Miss Ruth Tanner is the guest of Miss Kate Newell Doggett, in Fredericksburg.

Mr. W. J. Moore, of Massachusetts, is on a visit to his mother.

Miss Annie B. Kirk is visiting friends in Fredericksburg.

Dr. Harris, of Virginia Beach, is spending a few days in the city.

The tea to be given by the Association for the preservation of Virginia Antiquities will be given at the rooms of the Virginia Historical Society to-morrow from 5 to 7 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Whetton, of this city, were apprised by telegram yesterday of the marriage of their son, F. Nick Whetton, to Miss Mary Isabelle Schooff, at St. Peter's cathedral, N. G., by the Rev. Father James O'Brien.

Miss Schooff is the beautiful daughter of Mr. Jos. Schooff, a prominent merchant of Henrico county, and has hosts of friends. Mr. Whetton is the son of Mr. F. J. Whetton, of the West End, and is engaged with his brother, John, in the mercantile business. After a short stay in Washington with friends and a sojourn to Baltimore and Philadelphia to receive the congratulations of their relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Whetton will return to their future home in the West End, 1201 Ashland street.

At 9 o'clock last evening, at the residence of the bride, Miss Katherine E. Black, daughter of George H. Black, and Susan A. Black, were married to Mr. Philip E. Croxton, of the Newport News Ship-building Company. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. J. B. Hutson, of Pine-Street Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross will make Newport News their future home.

Mr. George Byars Rogers, a prominent business man and wealthy manufacturer of Memphis, Tenn., and Miss Annie Clark, daughter of Mr. K. C. and Mrs. S. A. Minson, will be married in this city to-day.

Miss Minson is one of the most beautiful young ladies in the city and has a host of friends in Richmond, who will be glad to learn that she will make Memphis her home after marriage.